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**Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas Applauds LAUSD Deferral
on Filling LaMotte Seat**

The decision by the Los Angeles Unified School District Board to defer a decision on how to fill the late Marguerite LaMotte's seat until a special meeting in January is a wise one. The two options before it are the following: conduct business behind closed doors and appoint an insider, or to let the people decide who will replace such an important leader by casting their ballots. Today the board clearly saw that there is indeed no consensus candidate around which the community has coalesced. On the contrary testimony from the core constituency of District 1, African-American parents, advocates and community leaders, overwhelmingly favored filling the seat of their most committed and passionate advocate, with someone of their choosing. We will continue to stand firm in that position on January 7 and until our voice is heard.

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